

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the TECM fund?

The Transportation Expansion and Congestion Mitigation (TECM) fund was established by the Idaho Legislature in 2017 and later included a provision allowing the fund to be used as debt service on bonds. In May 2021 the TECM fund was increased both with one-time money and annual money from 1% to 4.5%, and not less than \$80 million, of general sales tax.

2. What is Leading Idaho and how does it relate to transportation?

Leading Idaho is Governor Brad Little's statewide initiative to provide Idahoans historic tax relief and make strategic investments in transportation, education, broadband, water, capital construction, and other critical areas to propel our state forward. To address Idaho's rapid growth and aging infrastructure, the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) received additional funds from the Governor's initiative to make deliberate investments in critical corridors to create greater connectivity for all citizens of Idaho.

3. Is this program the same as GARVEE?

No. Similar to the TECM program, the past GARVEE program enabled ITD to implement projects quickly to allow users to benefit from the improvements and significant savings in both time and money sooner through the use of bond sale proceeds.

GARVEE: ITD's previous bonding program, the Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE),

transformed six corridors by bonding \$857.6 million of federal dollars to fund safety enhancement and congestion relief projects.

TECM: The Leading Idaho with Transportation program will focus on congestion and expansion projects statewide. It is anticipated that the TECM direct-pay and funds from bond sales could yield up to \$1.6 billion in state funds over the life of the program.

4. Will the TECM money come from property or income taxes?

The TECM funds come from income taxes as general sales tax.

5. How does this offset to the TECM fund from general sales tax affect funding for schools, healthcare, etc.?

The legislature determines the allocation of sales tax to certain agencies and programs each year. The proceeds dedicated to the TECM program will be used to address congestion and expansion of the highway system and provide critical improvements around the state.

6. How long will it take for the TECM projects to be complete?

Each project timeline will vary. Ultimately, ITD's goal is to advance projects quickly and will fund projects based on their readiness to move into construction. It is anticipated that the TECM program will be fully bonded within six to eight years.



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7. Which roadways will the TECM funds focus on?

ITD identified corridors that are critical to enhance safety, mobility, and to sustain Idaho's strong economy well into the future. The corridors that already have designated TECM funding include:

- I-90, Washington State Line to Coeur d'Alene
- US-95 and US-12 Clearwater River Crossings
- SH-16, I-84 to SH-44
- I-84, Ada and Canyon Counties
- US-20/26, I-84 to Star Road
- SH-55, Sunnyslope to Nampa
- SH-75, Timmerman Junction to Ketchum
- I-84, Jerome to Twin Falls
- I-84, Burley and Heyburn Interchanges
- I-15, Pocatello to Idaho Falls

Additional corridors have been identified as critical and don't currently have TECM funding. They are being advanced with other state funds:

- US-95, Garwood to Sagle
- SH-44, I-84 to Star
- US-20, Idaho Falls to MT State Line
- US-95 Alternative Route (North Idaho)
- US-95, Moscow Alternative Route & Moscow North
- SH-8, Moscow to Troy
- Snake River Crossing (Twin Falls Area)

8. How are projects being identified?

ITD has a long ongoing list of needed projects. As projects in approved TECM

corridors are ready for construction, they will be presented to the Transportation Board for possible funding through the TECM program.

9. How long is a typical project life cycle?

An ITD project includes three key phases: 1) environmental, 2) design and right-of-way, and 3) construction. The duration of each project varies and is specifically dependent on project scope and funding availability.

10. How will the maintenance for these projects be funded?

Once ITD picks a project for construction, it will address staffing and resources accordingly to maintain the roadway.

11. What feedback opportunities will the public have?

Opportunities for public involvement will be determined on a project-by-project level. Please visit the project pages at www.itdprojects.org or via the TECM funding page at www.itd.idaho.gov/TECMfunding location on this page.

12. Where can I find the most up-to-date information?

The web page www.itd.idaho.gov/TECMfunding contains current information regarding the Leading Idaho with Transportation program and project funding. The individual project pages found at www.itdprojects.org contain the most up-to-date project-specific information.

